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VILAYVANH SIHARATH

THAO PADIT SIHARATH

REF: 75 VIENTIANE 6236, 75 VIENTIANE 6195 AND PREVIOUS

1. VILAYVANH SIHARATH, WHO CLAIMS SHE IS SISTER OF QUANG DIEM ANH, VIETNAMESE REFUGEE ALREADY IN U.S., CAME TO SEE CONSUL IN VIENTIANE IN OCTOBER 1975 TO ASK HOW TO GET QUANG DIEM ANH'S TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD DIEP VAN YI TO U.S. CONSULATE UDORN LOCATED REFUGEE COUPLE WHO WERE WILLING TO TAKE DIEP VAN YI TO U.S. TO PARENTS. HOWEVER, IN MEANTIME, VILAYVANH SIHARATH DECIDED TO TAKE CHILD TO UDORN HERSELF AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GETTING REFUGEE STATUS FOR HERSELF AND MAN WHOM SHE STATED WAS HER HUSBAND, THAO PADIT SIHARATH (SEE REFTELS).

2. VILAYVANH SIHARATH AND THAO PADIT SIHARATH TRAVELED TO UDORN WITH CHILD DIEP VAN YI IN NOVEMBER (SEE VIENTIANE 6236). THERE THEY APPARENTLY AGAIN REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND APPLIED FOR REFUGEE PROGRAM. A MR. WILLIAM JACOBSEN, WHO WAS SPONSORING VILAYVANH'S SUPPOSED SISTER QUANG DIEM ANH, ALSO OFFERED TO SPONSOR VILAYVANH

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SIHARATH AND THAO PADIT SIHARATH.

3. SOY TUI NGOC CAME TO SEE CONSUL JANUARY 22. SHE STATED THAT THAO PADIT SIHARATH WAS HER HUSBAND AND WAS NOT REPEAT NOT HUSBAND OF VILAYVANH SIHARATH. SHE TOLD CONSUL THAO PADIT SIHARATH WAS INSTEAD UNCLE OF VILAYVANH SIHARATH, WHO IS NOT MARRIED. SOY TUI NGOC SAID SHE HAD LEARNED HER HUSBAND PLANNED TO GO TO U.S. AS REFUGEE POSING AS HUSBAND OF VILAYVANH SIHARATH. SOY TUI NGOC ASKED CONSUL TO INFORM UDORN OF THAO PADIT SIHARATH AND VILAYVANH SIHARATH'S FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION OF THEMSELVES AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.

4. AT CONSUL'S REQUEST, SOY TUI NGOC BROUGHT IN HER MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, WHICH SHOWS THAT SHE AND THAO PADIT SIHARATH WERE MARRIED IN BAN SIMUONG, VIENTIANE, ON DECEMBER 20, 1974. AT THAT TIME THE THAO PADIT SIHARATH ON THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE WAS 25 YEARS OLD. HIS FATHER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THIT BOUA SY SIHARATH. THE MARRIAGE WAS OF THE "1ST DEGREE", WHICH MEANS THAT THAO PADIT SIHARATH PRESUMABLY HAD NO OTHER WIFE AT THAT TIME.

5. NEITHER VILAYVANH SIHARATH NOR THAO PADIT SIHARATH EVER SHOWED CONSUL IN VIENTIANE PROOF OF THEIR MARRIAGE OR PROOF THAT VILAYVANH REALLY HAD SISTER IN U.S. CONSUL IN VIENTIANE EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT, AS THEY WERE LAO CITIZENS, THEY HAD TO APPLY FOR REFUGEE STATUS OUTSIDE LAOS.

6. FOR UDORN: PLEASE ASK VILAYVANH SIHARATH AND THAO PADIT SIHARATH TO PROVE THEIR RELATIONSHIP, AND LET US KNOW WHAT PROOF THEY GIVE YOU. WE HAVE PROMISED TO LET SOY TUI NGOC KNOW IF HER HUSBAND IS INDEED ENROLLED IN U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM AS HUSBAND OF VILAYVANH SIHARATH.

7. FOR ORM: PLEASE CONTACT DIEP ANH AND QUANG DIEM ANH THROUGH WILLIAM JACOBSEN, 4517 E. HANNIBAL PLACE, MESA, ARIZONA 85205, TO CHECK OUT STORY VILAYVANH SIHARATH AND THAO PADIT SIHARATH ARE USING. IT IS WORTHWHILE NOTING THAT VILAYVANH SIHARATH STATED SHE WAS COUSIN OF QUANG DIEM ANH WHEN SHE FIRST APPROACHED CONSUL IN UDORN. SHE LATER SAID THIS WAS MISTAKE IN CONSULAR ASSISTANT'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSLATION FROM LAO AND THAT SHE WAS SISTER OF QUANG DIEM ANH.  
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